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Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

IAB FILE NUMBER: SH 2410691

INCIDENT: Deputy Involved Hit Shooting

URN#: 016-10848-2811-013

DATE/ TIME: August 25, 2016, Thursday, 2030 hours

LOCATION: Arbutus Street, Compton, CA 90220

On Thursday, August 25, 2016, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team, comprised of Lieutenant Roberta Granek, Lieutenant David Ladjevic, and Sergeant Jorge Marchena responded to Compton Station, regarding an on-duty hit shooting. Suspect Donta Taylor sustained numerous gunshot wounds and was pronounced deceased at the scene. Deputies were not injured during the incident.

Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Granek verified that Compton Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant Marc Lucio, took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. Lieutenant Granek also ensured that Lieutenant Lucio knew the involved personnel and witness personnel should not collectively consult with their representative. In addition, IAB Lieutenant Granek confirmed the watch commander attempted to have the involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they had provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Lieutenant Steve Jauch, Detective Karen Shonka and Detective Wayne Holston from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information, refer to the Homicide casebook under URN #016-10848-2811-013 [Exhibit A].

The following narrative includes summarized statements as provided by all involved employees and witnesses. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions submitted within this case.

IAB Note:

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators made contact with Deputy Orrego to schedule an interview. Deputy Orrego advised he was no longer employed by the department and declined to interview. The Homicide Bureau interview with Deputy Orrego was the only interview conducted; therefore, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators were unable to get any additional clarification on Deputy Orrego's involvement in the incident.

SYNOPSIS:

On Thursday, August 25, 2016, at approximately 2028 hours, Deputies Mizrain Orrego and Samuel Aldama worked patrol as Unit 280W2, p.m. shift. They were assigned as a no call car on the Summer Suppression Team and tasked with suppressing the gang activity in Compton Station's reporting district. They were dressed in full class "A" uniforms. Deputy Orrego was the driver, and Deputy Aldama was the bookman. Deputies Orrego and Aldama drove a marked black and white Sheriff's patrol vehicle south on Wilmington Avenue and approached Brazil Street.

As Deputies Orrego and Aldama approached Brazil Street, they saw a male black (the suspect) walk north on the west sidewalk of Wilmington Avenue from Brazil Street. Deputy Orrego saw the suspect dressed in clothing consistent with gang attire worn by the Cedar Block Piru gang members [Pages 4-5 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

IAB Note:

Cedar Block Piru was an African American gang with a territory which stretched primarily from north to south between Rosecrans Avenue and Brazil Street and from east to west between Wilmington Avenue and Dwight Avenue in Compton. They dressed in baggy clothing, usually red in color and adopted the red Cincinnati Reds' baseball attire with the letter "C" displayed on it as a symbol representing the word "Cedar."

Deputy Aldama saw the suspect grab his waistband with his right hand as he continued to walk north on Wilmington Avenue. Deputy Aldama believed the suspect could be armed with a firearm or a weapon because the waistband area was a common place to carry a weapon. Deputy Aldama estimated they were approximately fifteen to twenty yards away from the suspect when they first saw him. The suspect was approximately twenty to twenty-five feet north of Brazil Street [Pages 9-11 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputies Orrego and Aldama stopped their patrol vehicle in the number two lane, closest to the west sidewalk on Wilmington Avenue, to contact the suspect who they believed could be an armed gang member. Deputy Aldama stated the suspect was not detained at the time they attempted to contact him. He said the basis of the stop was consensual in nature [Pages 11 and 14 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

The suspect was directly across from the deputies' (Orrego and Aldama) patrol vehicle on the west sidewalk of Wilmington Avenue and was approximately ten to fifteen feet away from the deputies' (Orrego and Aldama) patrol vehicle [Page 10 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

As Deputies Orrego and Aldama exited their patrol vehicle, Deputy Orrego saw the suspect stop walking and look at them with a "deer in headlights look" [Page 5 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. Deputy Aldama asked the suspect if he was on probation or parole. The suspect stated he was not on parole or probation [Pages 12-13 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputies Orrego and Aldama saw the suspect pull out a handgun from his waistband with his right hand. Deputies Orrego and Aldama described the handgun as shiny and appeared to be silver in color [Pages 5-6 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. Deputy Aldama described the lighting conditions at this time as clear, with a streetlight providing the source of light [Pages 16-17 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama estimated the distance between the suspect and himself, at the point the suspect pulled out the gun, to be ten to fifteen feet [Page 12 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama did not see the suspect point the gun at him when he pulled it out of his waistband. Deputy Orrego heard Deputy Aldama yell, "Gun" [Page 14 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB and page 6 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interviewl.

The suspect turned away from Deputies Orrego and Aldama and ran north on Wilmington Avenue toward Arbutus Street. Deputies Orrego and Aldama pursued the suspect on foot. Deputy Orrego used his handheld radio and requested emergency assistance over the "duplex patch." Deputy Orrego advised he was chasing a suspect with a gun [Pages 6-7 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

IAB Note: Normal radio operation is called "simplex." When a deputy in the

field transmits on simplex frequency, his/her traffic is only heard by the Sheriff's Communication Center. The "duplex patch" is a frequency where multiple radio channels are patched together, which changes the frequency from "simplex" to "duplex." This allows deputies to communicate with each other throughout the

entire county.

IAB Note: The audio of the emergent radio traffic is submitted with this

casebook as [Exhibit B]. Refer to the audio folder titled "Radio

Traffic," file "998 082516-1."

IAB Note: The foot pursuit was documented on a Foot Pursuit Evaluation

Form [Miscellaneous Documents]

Deputy Aldama gave the suspect verbal commands to stop running and drop the weapon [Page 15 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputies Aldama and Orrego continued to pursue the suspect north on Wilmington Avenue.

Deputies Aldama and Orrego ran on the street while the suspect ran on the sidewalk toward Arbutus Street. The suspect turned west on Arbutus Street and ran on the roadway toward the Compton wash. Deputies Aldama and Orrego ran behind the suspect in the roadway toward the Compton wash and were approximately twenty-five to thirty yards away from the suspect [Page 18 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. The suspect ran north on the pedestrian walkway on the east side of the Compton wash toward Poplar Street. Deputy Orrego advised units over the radio to set up a containment on the west side of the Compton wash [Pages 6-7 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

IAB Note:

The Compton wash is a flood control basin that runs in a northwest/southeast direction. The Compton wash dissects Arbutus Street into two parts. One half is on the east side of the wash, and the other is on the west side of the wash. Both, east and west sides have pedestrian walkways which are covered mostly in dirt and trash. The dirt walkway on the west side of the Compton wash was poorly lit and did not have street lights.

The suspect ran west on the pedestrian bridge that crossed the Compton wash from the east side of Poplar Street to the west side of Poplar Street. Deputies Orrego and Aldama chased the suspect across the pedestrian bridge to the north/south dirt walkway on the west side of the Compton wash. The suspect ran south on the dirt walkway on the west side of the Compton wash. He made a right turn (west) through an opening in a chain-link fence and ran west on Arbutus Street toward Kemp Avenue, out of view of Deputies Orrego and Aldama. Deputy Orrego took a containment spot east of the dirt road on Poplar Street and Kemp Avenue, while Deputy Aldama took a containment spot at Poplar Street and the west dirt walkway [Pages 21-22 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

IAB Note:

The distance from the west dirt walkway at Poplar Street to the opening in the chain-link fence at Arbutus Street is approximately 298 feet. The distance from the north/east corner of Poplar Street and Kemp Avenue to the opening in the chain-link fence at Arbutus Street is approximately 446 feet [Miscellaneous Documents, see crime scene sketch].

Deputy Aldama estimated his distance from Deputy Orrego, at this point, to be twenty-five feet. Deputy Aldama and Orrego stated they could see each other from their containment spots [Page 22 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB and page 8 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. The deputies' (Orrego and Aldama) plan was to contain the area further west of the Compton wash to keep the suspect from crossing Kemp Avenue and continuing west [Pages 21-22 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

IAB Note: From this point on there are two independent actions that occurred

simultaneously by Deputies Orrego and Aldama.

While Deputy Aldama held his containment spot, he observed two males (Witnesses and and on the dirt path near the opening in the chain-link fence that led to the dirt walkway to Arbutus Street. Since Deputy Aldama saw the suspect run past the area where the two men were and knew the area was friendly to gang members, he believed the suspect could have handed something off to the two men on the dirt walkway [Page 38 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama described the dirt walkway as "dark" [Pages 39 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama illuminated the two males with his flashlight and gave them commands. Deputy Aldama could see the men had trouble hearing him, so he advanced toward both men while he detained them at gunpoint and continued to give them commands to see their hands [Page 23-24 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

He ordered both men to a prone position on the ground of the dirt walkway, approximately five feet south of Arbutus Street. Deputy Aldama was twenty to twenty-five feet north of the two men he detained at gunpoint. At this point, Deputy Aldama did not have a visual on Deputy Orrego and believed he was still at Kemp Avenue and Poplar Street [Pages 23-24 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

While Deputy Aldama moved south on the dirt walkway to detain the two men, Deputy Orrego saw the suspect run north toward him on the west sidewalk of Kemp Avenue, approximately twenty yards north of Arbutus Street. Deputy Orrego saw the suspect had the gun in his right hand [Pages 8 and 14 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. Deputy Orrego saw the suspect walk toward a house on the southeast corner of Poplar Street and Kemp Avenue where there were kids outside. Deputy Orrego crossed the street and took cover behind some vehicles on the west side of Kemp Avenue. Deputy Orrego yelled at the suspect to drop the gun. The suspect stopped walking and appeared to be confused at who was yelling at him. The suspect continued north toward the house with the kids outside. Deputy Orrego came from behind cover into the view of the suspect to alert the suspect of who yelled at him [Page 8 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

The suspect turned around and ran south on Kemp Avenue toward Arbutus Street. The suspect stopped and shook the gate of a residence on the northeast corner of Arbutus Street and Kemp Avenue and yelled toward the house. Deputy Orrego followed the suspect south on Kemp Avenue and continued to yell commands at the suspect to put his hands up. Deputy Orrego ran behind cover and moved back to the east side of Kemp Avenue [Pages 8-9 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. During this time, Deputy Orrego tried to get Deputy Aldama on the radio but said "everybody" was on the radio [Page 10 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

IAB Note:

Deputies Orrego and Aldama communicated with each other over "Direct" frequency as they left their containment spots; however, Deputy Aldama did not remember any communication between him and Deputy Orrego regarding their locations from the time they left their containment spots to where the shootings occurred. Deputy Aldama remembered updating Deputy Orrego about the two males at the end of the dirt walkway [Page 37 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IABI.

IAB Note:

"Direct" is a frequency not transmitted on repeat mode and is only heard by those units in close proximity to the unit broadcasting on direct. The direct frequency mode is accessed by turning a switch which is located on the channel dial of the handheld radio.

Deputy Orrego saw the suspect run east on Arbutus Street while continuously turning and looking over his shoulder as he pointed his gun at Deputy Orrego. Deputy Orrego attempted to advise Sheriff Communications Center (SCC) several times via his handheld radio the suspect had pointed a gun at him. He did not hear SCC acknowledge his radio traffic but did hear SCC trying to "break up" the radio traffic. He believed they did not hear him due to a deputy broadcasting the containment over the duplex patch [Pages 10-11 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

Deputy Orrego closed the distance between him and the suspect who ran south on Kemp Avenue and east on the north sidewalk on Arbutus Street. Deputy Orrego followed the suspect onto Arbutus Street. Deputy Orrego used the cars that were parked on the north curb line of Arbutus Street, between him and the suspect, as cover. Deputy Orrego ran after the suspect who was running east on Arbutus Street. He saw the suspect turn toward him and point the gun at him. Orrego thought the suspect was going to shoot him. He remembered his backdrop was a brick wall and did not see his partner in his backdrop. Deputy Orrego was on Arbutus Street, facing east, when he fired two to four rounds at the suspect. Deputy Orrego ordered the suspect to stop and drop his gun. The suspect continued to run east on Arbutus Street, through a cut out in the chain-link fence that separated Arbutus Street from the dirt walkway on the west side of the Compton wash. Deputy Orrego saw the suspect turn and run north on the dirt walkway [Pages 10-16 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

Deputy Orrego advised SCC he had been involved in a shooting by saying he was involved in a "998" [Page 11 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

IAB Note: "988" is a Los Angeles County Sheriff radio code used to describe

an incident where a deputy has been involved in a shooting.

IAB Note:

At the time of the first shooting between Deputy Orrego and the suspect, Deputy Aldama was positioned on the dirt walkway north of Arbutus Street at an approximately 45-degree angle to Deputy Orrego, who was approximately mid-block on Arbutus Street between the wash and Kemp Avenue.

Prior to the initial shooting between Deputy Orrego and the suspect, Deputy Aldama stood approximately twenty feet north of the chain-link fence opening at Arbutus Street. He stood with the right side of his body close to the wall on the west side of the dirt walkway and faced south toward the chain-link fence opening to Arbutus Street. Deputy Aldama heard gunshots and took a few steps back toward Poplar Street while he assessed the location of where he heard the gunshots. Deputy Aldama believed the gunfire came from Arbutus Street and Kemp Avenue [Page 31 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama thought his partner was in a shootout or had been shot by the suspect. Deputy Aldama did not hear any commands or announcements from Deputy Orrego prior to Deputy Orrego's first shooting. Deputy Aldama estimated approximately a minute and a half elapsed from the time he and Deputy Orrego crossed the pedestrian bridge at Poplar Street until the first shooting between Deputy Orrego and the suspect [Pages 25-26 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

After Deputy Orrego shot at the suspect, Deputy Aldama saw the suspect run east through the opening in the fence that led from Arbutus Street onto the dirt walkway. He saw the suspect sprint toward him with both of his hands together, extended out in front of his body, and at chest level [Pages 27-28 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

Deputy Aldama was able to illuminate the suspect as he ran toward him by using his flashlight which was mounted on his handgun [Pages 39-40 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Aldama believed the suspect was going to shoot him, had possibly killed his partner and was trying to get away. He believed the suspect held "something" in his hands because of the position of the suspect's hands. He was unable to determine what the object was due to the dark lighting conditions [Pages 27-28 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

Deputy Aldama saw the suspect was on the east side of the dirt walkway next to the west fence that separated the dirt walkway from the Compton wash. Deputy Aldama was next to a wall on the west side of the dirt walkway. He saw the two men were south of him and the suspect, in a prone position, and with their heads pointed in his direction (north). He did not see if they were looking at him or the suspect. Deputy Aldama saw his background was the chain-link fence on east side of the dirt walkway which separated the Compton wash from the west dirt walkway. Fearing the suspect was going to shoot him, Deputy Aldama fired approximately ten to twelve rounds from his duty weapon at the suspect who was approximately twenty-five feet from him.

Deputy Orrego fired his gun in a south/east direction away from the two men who were south/west of the direction he fired his gun [Pages 28-30 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

After Deputy Aldama fired his duty weapon, he saw the suspect turn around and run back (west) through the opening in the fence onto Arbutus Street [Pages 28-29 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

IAB Note:

Deputy Aldama provided a sketch of the approximate positions of himself, the suspect, and the two men being detained at the time he fired his weapon at the suspect. The suspect is marked with a red "X", Deputy Aldama with a single blue "X", and the two males are marked with two blue "X's" [Miscellaneous].

On Arbutus Street, Deputy Orrego heard gunshots and did not know if Deputy Aldama had been shot by the suspect or had shot the suspect. Deputy Orrego saw the suspect run on the dirt walkway toward his position, which was approximately five feet west of the gap in the chain-link fence that led to Arbutus Street. From that position, Deputy Orrego fired two to three rounds at the suspect from his duty weapon and saw the suspect go down on the dirt walkway [Pages 11-12 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview].

Deputy Aldama heard Deputy Orrego's second volley of shots being fired from the Arbutus Street and Kemp Avenue. He estimated two to three seconds after the third volley of gunshots, he saw the suspect reappear from Arbutus Street onto the dirt walkway. He saw the suspect fall to the ground on his back, close to the chain-link fence that separates the wash from the dirt walkway. Deputy Aldama saw the suspect on the ground moving his arms. Deputy Aldama heard Deputy Orrego giving the suspect commands but could not see him [Page 32 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

Following the third volley of shots, Deputy Orrego advised units over the radio that all deputies were accounted for, and the suspect was down. Deputy Orrego gave the suspect several commands to show his hands. Deputy Orrego moved to the threshold of the opening to the dirt walkway where he was able to see Deputy Aldama [Page 17 of Deputy Orrego's transcribed interview]. Deputies Orrego and Aldama performed tactical reloads and continued to detain the suspect at gunpoint until they were relieved by responding deputies [Pages 32 and 34 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB].

Deputy Anthony Miller and his par	rtner Deputy were working as Unit
	unit to arrive on the scene. Deputy
contacted Deputy Orrego at the o	pening of the chain-link fence at Arbutus Street and
the dirt walkway. Deputy	described Deputy Orrego as being "very panicked
and scared" [Page 5 of Deputy	's transcribed interview].

Deputies Miller and remembered the area being dark and having to use their flashlights [Page 7 of Deputy stranscribed interview and pages 13 and 17 of Deputy Aldama's transcribed interview with IAB]. Deputy Miller detained the suspect at gunpoint and gave the suspect verbal commands to show his hands. Deputy Miller saw the suspect reach for his waistband and knew a gun was still outstanding. The suspect was rolling from side to side, back and forth and not listening to his commands.

Deputy Miller and Deputy Brian Avalos, Unit 282B/p.m., approached the suspect. Deputy Miller was able to handcuff the suspect's left hand, and with the assistance of Deputy Avalos, they were able to place the suspect's right hand behind his back and handcuff his right hand [Page 8 of Deputy Miller's transcribed interview and Exhibit A, page 19]. Deputy Miller searched the suspect for weapons but did not find any [Page 15 of Deputy Miller's transcribed interview].

Deputy Miller examined the suspect for injuries and saw he had multiple gunshot wounds. Deputy Miller tried to "hold" some of his wounds to stop the bleeding [Page 8 of Deputy Miller's transcribed interview]. Deputy Avalos noticed the suspect stopped breathing which prompted him to start chest compressions on the suspect [Exhibit A, page 20]. Fire department personnel from Compton Fire Engine 422, under the direction of Captain Reginald Donald, arrived on scene and assessed the suspect. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedic Alvarez at 2047 hours [Exhibit A, page 3].

Deputies and Miller took the handle on the incident and remained at the scene.

Deputy stated Lieutenant Lucio was on scene as well as Sergeant Keith

Schumaker [Page 6 of Deputy stranscribed interview].

IAB Note: A search for the suspect's weapon was conducted, but no weapon was found.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Donta Taylor, by Deputies Mizrain Orrego and Samuel Aldama. In their letter of opinion [Exhibit C], dated August 7, 2017, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputies Orrego and Aldama acted lawfully in self-defense.

INVOLED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Mizrain Orrego, Deputy Sheriff, # Central Patrol Division
Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Unit:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

October 15, 2007 November 16, 2014

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(1) June 27, 2015, SH2381667

Equipment Worn on Person

Long sleeve "Class A" uniform Smith & Wesson, M&P 9mm Key holder Three Magazines Knife Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray Baton (Collapsible) Handheld radio Flashlight Handcuffs (1 set)

Samuel Aldama, Deputy Sheriff, #

Central Patrol Division

Compton Station

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Unit:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incidents:

October 3, 2007 November 16, 2014



Equipment Worn on Person

Long sleeve "Class A"
Smith & Wesson, M&P, 9mm
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Baton (Collapsible)
Two Magazines
Handheld radio
Handcuffs

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Suspect Donta "Dontie" Gurrell Taylor

Male Black, DOB: January 26, 1985, Height: 6'00", Weight: 200 pounds

Gang: Cedar Block Piru, AKA: "Taydog"

Cll: Main: FBI:

IAB Note: A copy of Suspect Taylor's criminal history is included in this

casebook [Exhibit A, page 96]

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Taylor suffered six gunshot wounds (GSW) to his body. Wound #1 (fatal) entered the left lower lateral back and exited the top of the left shoulder. Wound #2 (non-fatal) entered the right anterior medial thigh. Wound #3 (non-fatal) entered the right posterior medial thigh. Wound #4 (non-fatal) was a through and through to the right hand. Wound #5 (non-fatal) was a through and through to the middle of the posterior right hand. Wound #6 (non-fatal) was a through and through to the chin [Exhibit A, pages 114-116].

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputies were not injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located by Homicide investigators Detective Karen Shonka and Detective Wayne Holston and collected by Crime Laboratory Deputy Steven Thomas and Forensic Identification Specialists Alexis Alusha and Donna Thomas. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was located, see the Homicide Case Book [Exhibit A, pages 34-81].

Nineteen expended 9mm casings were recovered at the scene [Exhibit A, pages 34-36].

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

The scene was described in detail by Homicide Lieutenant Steve Jauch and Detectives Shonka and Holston [Exhibit A, pages 36-59]. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB investigator's observations. The scene was also photographed by the aforementioned Sheriff's Crime Lab personnel. See the DVD-R containing crime scene pictures, which are attached to this Investigative Summary as [Exhibit B].

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ORREGO

Deputy Orrego fired seven rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M&P, 9 mm, semiautomatic pistol.

The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Ivan Chavez of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional [Exhibit A, pages 64-65].

Date last qualified:

Date last trained with weapon:



(Miscellaneous Documents) (Miscellaneous Documents)

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY ALDAMA

Deputy Aldama fired twelve rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith and Wesson M&P, 9 mm, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Ivan Chavez of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional [Exhibit A, page 64-65].

Date last qualified:
Date last trained with weapon:



(Miscellaneous Documents)
(Miscellaneous Documents)

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT TAYLOR

Suspect Taylor was in possession of a silver, handgun which he brandished at Deputies Orrego and Aldama, based on their statements.

IAB Note: No weapon was found at the scene

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT TAYLOR

There was no property damaged during this incident.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

There were no criminal charges filed in this case.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred outside, at night. There was minimal lighting from Arbutus Street. The dirt pathway was not illuminated. The weather was cool and clear.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio-recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions submitted with this case.

SERGEANT KEITH SCHUMAKER

On June 5, 2018, 0945 hours, IAB investigators interviewed Sergeant Keith Schumaker at the Internal Criminal Investigation Bureau. The interview was audio recorded.

IAB Note:

During the audio recorded interview, Internal Affairs Bureau Investigator, Sergeant Steve Upton, indicated that the interview occurred at Compton Station; however, the interview actually occurred at the Internal Criminal Investigation Bureau.

On August 25, 2016, Sergeant Schumaker was working as 281FS, p.m. shift and was the supervisor of the Summer Suppression Team for Compton Station. Sergeant Schumaker was at Compton Station when he heard emergency radio traffic indicating that one of his team members was in a serious situation involving a gun. He was not sure if they were in pursuit at the time he heard the radio traffic [Page 4 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Schumaker responded Code 3 to the east side of the wash near the pedestrian bridge that crossed the Compton wash at Poplar Street. Sergeant Schumaker exited his patrol vehicle at the pedestrian bridge and proceeded to the scene of the incident on foot. Sergeant Schumaker estimated his total response time to be ten to fifteen minutes. When he arrived on the scene, he saw several deputies on scene using their flashlights to search for a gun [Pages 4-5 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Schumaker saw the suspect on the ground, bleeding. He instructed deputies to render first aid to the suspect and saw fire was en route [Pages 7 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview]. Sergeant Schumaker described the lighting conditions on the west dirt path of the Compton wash to be very low with some light coming from the moon and some light from Arbutus Street [Pages 8-9 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Schumaker was provided a photograph of an aerial view of the area where the shooting occurred [Miscellaneous documents]. Sergeant Schumaker marked the approximate location of the suspect's body on the map, which was east of Arbutus Street, north of the opening in the chain-link fence. He marked the approximate location of his first contact with Deputy Aldama on the dirt pathway north of Arbutus Street close to the houses on the west side of the dirt pathway.

Sergeant Schumaker remembered seeing a group of civilians in the backyard of the property of Arbutus Street and of the Compton wash [Pages 9, 10, and 11 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Schumaker stated that his main concern after the incident was checking the welfare of Deputies Orrego and Aldama.

He transported Deputy Aldama to Compton Station while Sergeant Kevin Tiwari transported Deputy Orrego to Compton Station [Pages 6, 7, and 14 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview and pages 8-9 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Schumaker did not witness any force, nor was any force, other than the shooting, reported to him [Pages 11-12 of Sergeant Schumaker's transcribed interview].

SERGEANT KEVIN TIWARI

On June 6, 2018, 0945 hours, IAB investigators interviewed Sergeant Kevin Tiwari at Internal Affairs Bureau. The interview was audio recorded.

On August 25, 2016, Sergeant Tiwari was working Compton Station as unit 280S, p.m. shift. He was at Compton Station when he heard emergent radio traffic involving a foot pursuit and ultimately a deputy-involved hit shooting. Sergeant Tiwari responded Code 3. He estimated his response time to be approximately three to five minutes [Pages 3-4 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Tiwari parked on the east side of the Compton wash on Poplar Street. From Poplar Street, he responded on foot by jogging on the pedestrian bridge over the Compton wash and down the dirt pathway on the west side of the Compton wash toward Arbutus Street [Pages 4-5 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Tiwari saw the suspect was down on the dirt walkway and appeared to be suffering from gunshot wounds to his chest. He saw deputies searching the suspect. He instructed an unknown deputy to give C.P.R. if the suspect stopped breathing [Page 6 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Tiwari saw the fire department arrive on Arbutus Street and tend to the suspect. He contacted Sergeant Schumaker, whom he believed arrived before him [Page 12 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview]. Sergeant Schumaker asked Sergeant Tiwari to transport Deputy Orrego back to Compton Station [Pages 8-9 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

Sergeant Tiwari did not witness any force, nor did anybody report force, other than the shooting, to him [Pages 10-11 of Sergeant Tiwari's transcribed interview].

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio-recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions submitted with this case.

IAB Note:	During the investigation, Internal Affairs Bureau investigators made several attempts by phone and certified mail to contact Witnesses, and with no results.
WITNESS	
On August 26, 2016 Station.	6, Homicide investigators interviewed Exercises at Compton
Compton wash and site. He saw deput	north of Arbutus Street visiting his deceased friend memorial ies with their flashlights chase a male Black toward the pedestrian over the Compton wash at Poplar Street.
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Witness same sa chased him [Page :	aw the deputies were a couple of feet behind the suspect as they 3 of Witness stranscribed interview].
dirt road to Arbutus 's transcri head facing the gro get shot [Page 6 of not see if the suspe	aw the suspect run toward the gap in the chain-link fence from the Street and heard five to seven gunshots [Page 5 of Witness ibed interview]. Witness was on the ground and had his aund at the time he heard the gunshots. He did not see the suspect witness stranscribed interview]. Witness did ect had anything in his hands during the incident [Pages 2-4 of a transcribed interview].
WITNESS	
On August 26, 2010 Station.	6, Homicide investigators interviewed at Compton
Brazil Street approa deputies chasing a Poplar Street. The	walking on the dirt path on the west side of the Compton wash from aching Arbutus Street at approximately 2000 hours. He saw man across the pedestrian bridge that crossed the Compton wash at deputies were approximately fifteen feet behind the man while they 6 of Witness stranscribed interview].

Witness saw the man run toward the pedestrian gate at Arbutus Street. Witness saw the deputies running and heard them give him commands to get down [Page 7 of Witness stranscribed interview]. Witness heard fifteen to twenty gunshots and remembered bullets flying over his head [Pages 8-9 of Witness stranscribed interview].
Witness stated he saw the man come back out of the pedestrian gate and still heard gunfire [Page 9 of Witness stranscribed interview]. Witness did not see if the man had anything in his hands during the incident [Page 7 of Witness stranscribed interview].
Witness remembered a light-skinned male (Witness being detained with him on the dirt path [Page 3 of Witness stranscribed interview].
WITNESS IN CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP
On August 28, 2016, Homicide investigators interviewed at a restaurant in Gardena.
Witness arrived home from work and was outside of his house taking his work boots off. He heard arguing but dismissed it. Witness did not see the deputies chasing the suspect but heard what he recognized as footsteps as if someone was running [Page 2 of Witness stranscribed interview]. Witness did see people running in the area but was not sure who they were.
Witness did not see deputies but heard them giving commands warning someone about a gun as well as ordering someone to show their hands. Witness heard gunshots and took his into the house [Page 3 of Witness stranscribed interview].
After the gunshots, Witness saw one deputy standing in the area and another one running. He saw some men running and two other men in the same area [Pages 3-4 of Witness stranscribed interview].

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

The suspect is deceased.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed the following department members who responded to the assistance request but did not witness the shooting: Deputy Anthony Miller, Deputy Brian Avalos. Their transcribed interviews are included in this case.

In the immediate area of where Deputy Aldama's fired cartridge casings were recovered, the Crime Lab recovered an additional fired cartridge casing (5.7x28, FNB1A) which was booked as evidence #24. Internal Affairs Bureau investigators spoke with Homicide Detective Karen Shonka regarding the relevance of the 5.7x28 fired cartridge to this shooting. Detective Shonka stated that upon inspection of the cartridge, she and Detective Wayne Holston determined that it was old and was not related to the incident.

REVIEW OF EMERGENT RADIO TRAFFIC

Internal Affairs Bureau investigator reviewed the audio recording of the radio traffic communicated by Compton Station personnel. The initial emergent radio traffic was initiated by Deputy Orrego on the duplex patch. The Sheriff's Communication Center activated the duplex patch at 2028 hours.

The following is a chronological timeline of the radio traffic:

- 20:28:26 Deputy Orrego requested the patch
- 20:28:28 Dispatch advised "You're on the patch Compton"
- 20:28:29 Deputy Orrego "patch" garbled "patch"
- 20:28:32 Dispatch "280W2, you're on the patch go"
- 20:28:35 Deputy Orrego advised he was in foot pursuit of 417 suspect
- 20:28:45 SCC repeated location and asked for a unit in one
- 20:29:01 Backup deputy started setting a containment
- 20:29:10 Deputy Orrego advised they were cutting through the wash
- 20:29:12 SCC requested units to hold air and requested a suspect description
- 20:29:19 Deputy Orrego requested containment west of the wash
- 20:29:27 Deputy Orrego gave a suspect description
- 20:29:41 Aero advised they were two minutes out

- 20:29:42 280WS responded code 3
- 20:29:44 Deputy Orrego requested 2nd time for a containment west of wash
- 20:29:54 Backup deputy set up containment
- 20:30:15 SCC requested units to hold the air
- 20:30:23 SCC requested a 2nd time to hold the air
- 20:30:27 SCC requested a 3rd time to hold the air
- 20:30:28 Deputy Orrego advised "998"
- 20:30:43 Deputy Orrego advised "998, suspect down, all deputies accounted for"
- 20:31:00 Deputy Orrego "Let me see your hands"
- 20:31:47 902R staging at School and Wilmington
- 20:32:44 Aero 10-97
- 20:33:09 280WS Code 6

IAB Note:

A Compact Disc containing the audio recording of the emergent radio traffic and cold-line communication is attached to this casebook [Exhibit B]. Refer to the folder titled "Radio Traffic."